

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 25, 2024



EVENTS 11/25-12/8 (SCHOOL EVENTS, PTA EVENTS, HOLIDAYS)

11/25-12/1 (B-WEEK)

12/2-12/8 (B-WEEK)

Term 2 Essential Guiding Question: What Makes a Lifelong Learner?

Homeroom: We Engage, Contribute, and Connect to the World; We Identify Needs and Advocate for Ourselves and Others

25 Orchestra to Mountain View HS 9:45-12:50

25 Ballroom 2:25-3:30

25 Girls' Basketball Game vs. Lake Mountain 3:00-4:30

25 Boys' Basketball Game @ Lake Mountain 3:00-4:30

25 German Movie Night 6:30-8:00

25 Ballroom 2:25-3:30

27 Teacher Comp Day--NO SCHOOL

27-28 Thanksgiving Break

27 Thanksgiving Day

28 Native American Heritage Day

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2 Girls' Basketball Game @ Lehi Jr. 3:00-4:30

2 Boys' Basketball Game vs. Lehi Jr. 3:00-4:30

2 Ballroom 2:25-3:30

4 Ballroom 1:25-2:40

5 German Christkindlmarkt Field Trip 9:15-1:30

5 Girls' Basketball Game vs. Timberline 3:00-4:30

5 Boys' Basketball Game @ Timberline 3:00-4:30

5 Choir Christmas Concerts 6:00-8:00

5-6 District Honor Band

5 District Ballroom Social

6 Life Skills to BYU 9:30-1:00

6 9th Grade Winter Night Dance 7:00-8:30

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

In the weeks leading up to Christmas Break, we are going to spend some time in Homeroom on the topics of making a difference, gratitude, compassion, and making Oak Canyon a wonderful place to be. Please take a moment to check in with your students to see what we've been talking about and specifically ask them about how they would like to make a difference within their sphere of influence. There are many people at Oak Canyon that make a difference in my life, and I'd like to express my gratitude to them:

Admin Team: Thank you for your vision, expertise, and dedication to do your part to help all succeed at OCJH.

Office Staff: Thank you for your kind and welcoming demeanor--it makes our office a safe and lovely place to be. Thank you for your fine multitasking and problem solving skills. Thanks for the ice packs and bandaids.

Counselors: I'm grateful for your problem solving skills and for the way you help our students to feel supported and heard. Thank you for helping our students to glimpse their future while navigating the present.

Teachers: I'm grateful for your experience and expertise. I'm grateful for your desire to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions they need to be successful in life. Thank you for inspiring and for caring.

Custodial Crew: Thank you for your tireless work to make our school safe, clean, and beautiful.

Lunchroom Crew: Thank you for all you do to keep us fed and thriving here at Oak Canyon.

Parents: Thank you for entrusting your children with us. Thank you for extending grace, patience, and support. Thank you for donating your time and resources to help our school to thrive.

Students: Thank you for showing up each day. Thank you for allowing us to try new things as we endeavor to teach and connect with you. Thank you for your patience with us. Thank you for being friendly and saying hello.

Happy Thanksgiving, All!

Mrs. Ross

NEW INFORMATION

EAGLE SPOTLIGHT

Teacher Spotlight: Prof. Priscila Prestes

Priscila just returned from Philadelphia after presenting at the American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages Conference...again! She is a mover and shaker in her field and represents ASD well! It takes so much work to prepare for these conferences, and especially the national conference does not take everyone! She shares her expertise to help those other teachers be able to better teach their languages. We are so

proud of her!

Her presentation this year is on engaging students in the world language classroom. Boa Sorte!



Student Spotlight: November Eagles of the Month

The following students were recognized by their math teachers for their outstanding citizenship in the classroom: Cami Leishman, Lucy McKnight, Corey Winger, Cody Blumer, Jane Gordon, and Daniel Avila Sanchez (not pictured). Well done, Eagles! Keep up the great work!

START SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS!

Parents, we would like to spotlight Oak Canyon students that are up to great things outside of school. The challenge is that we are not always aware of these student accomplishments/events to be celebrated. Please click on this link if you'd like your student to be spotlighted in a future edition of the Principal's Newsletter!

<https://forms.gle/KvYAYNKbDtwrMbpA6>

HOLIDAY GIVING AT OCJH

Each year, we invite patrons to join our staff in making donations to help OCJH students in need at Christmas. If you are interested, you can pay at the finance office, or go to www.myschoolfees.com and select "public" for the items to choose from. You can select "holiday donation" and enter in a denomination of any amount. You can also get there by clicking on this [link](#). Funds collected will be used to purchase gift cards for students.. Donations can be submitted up until Friday, December 13. Thank you Oak Canyon for your generosity and support of our community this holiday season.

OCJH FOOD DRIVE RESULTS

Thank you for supporting and encouraging your students' participation in our annual Food Drive. It was a smashing success. Our Food Pantry is fully stocked and we were able to make a much appreciated donation to the Community Action Food Bank. There were 4,296 total donations! Congratulations! Here are our winning Homeroom classes:

Escobedo: 1807 (57.6 items per student)

Moorehead: 815 (27.2 items per student)

Graham: 443 (14.8 items per student)

Monson: 427 (14.7 items per student)

NO TARDY TERM 2 UPDATE BY POD

It is a CRAZY close competition at this point with all 4 pods having an average of 98.32% of their students on time for class for the past 5 weeks. Keep up the GREAT work this week.

Weekly Stats:

Pod	WK 1	WK 2	WK 3	WK 4	WK 5	Cumulative	
Water	98.75%	98.30%	98.46%	98.27%	98.25%	98.41%	1 st
Earth	98.36%	97.77%	97.90%	98.32%	98.24%	98.12%	3 rd
Air	98.19%	97.98%	98.13%	98.22%	98.33%	98.17%	2 nd
Fire	98.70%	97.76%	98.20%	97.79%	98.00%	98.11%	4 th
Weekly %	98.5%	97.96%	98.18%	98.15%	98.20%	98.21%	98.32%

FAILING NOTICES

It is midterm, and students with failing grades have notices posted in Skyward. The end of the term will be fast upon us, so please sit down with your students and take a look at their progress and any issues before it's too late!

EARLY MORNING SEMINARY

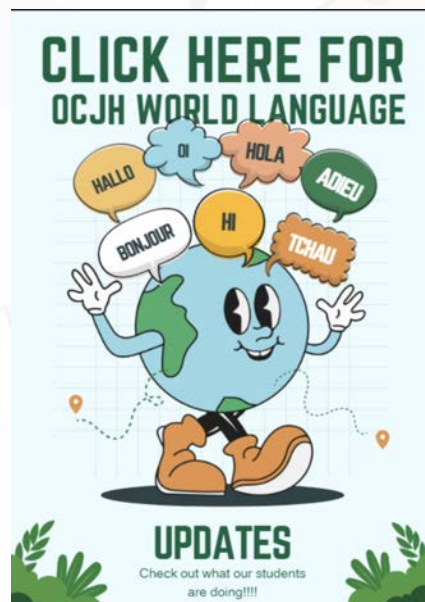
We are THRILLED to announce that we just received word that we have been approved again to try to offer an early morning seminary class for OCJH 9th graders for the 2025-2026 school year. We are aware that there are some 9th graders that simply do not have enough room in their schedule to take all of the classes they would like

to take, especially if they are trying to fit in Seminary. Current 8th graders have already turned in their registration forms for 9th grade; however, if you are interested in this early morning Seminary class, please reach out to your counselor immediately. Space is limited to the first 33 to contact their counselor as only one early morning class is available next year. We are hopeful that this option will meet a need and one that we can continue to offer over time. We made this option available last year, but didn't have enough students enrolled to carry the class. You may use this QR code if you are interested !



WORLD LANGUAGE WOWS

Our fantastic World Language department has put together a fantastic way to share with faculty and families the amazing things our World Language students and teachers are up to this year. Just click [here](#) to access WOWS!



FROM THE OAK CANYON PTSA

-Our PTSA does so much to support our school and students--selling suckers on Fridays, sponsoring the Eagle of the Month student recognitions, organizing Spirit Nights, making generous donations for school improvements, recognizing our honor roll students, and more! **We encourage all to join the PTSA**--the membership dues go a long way for our school. In addition, Eagle Cards are a great value for all of the discounted goods and services they provide. **To join the PTSA, purchase Eagle Cards, and/or donate for Teacher Birthday/Appreciation gifts, please visit the Oak Canyon PTSA store [link](#).**

PTA REFLECTIONS WINNERS--CONGRATULATIONS!

Click on this link to view a video of all of the reflections entries: <https://youtu.be/tb2tXSNUWp8>



Dance Choreography	
Kaylee Munro	Excellence
Phoebe Hurd	Excellence
Adelyn Johnson	Excellence
Alea Garner	Excellence
Literature	
Summer Lees	Excellence
Anna-Sophia Manuele	Excellence
Eleanor Meyers	Excellence
Adelaide Ott	Excellence
Adelyn Esplin	Excellence
Dylen Schurter	Merit
Lexi Mier	Merit
Kaden Schurter	Honorable Mention
Music Composition	
Emily Elfors	Excellence
Colin Rule	Excellence
Heather Hintze	Excellence
Michael Hansen	Excellence
Photography	
Alea Garner	Excellence
Heather Hintze	Excellence
Christian Murri	Excellence
Summer Lees	Excellence
Sophie Castro	Excellence

Adelyn Esplin	Excellence
Landen Schurter	Merit
Amelia Bailey	Merit
Kiley Perry	Honorable Mention
Lexi Perry	Honorable Mention
Cami Leishman	Honorable Mention
2D Visual Art	
Jennifer Hicken	Excellence
Audrey Haldeman	Excellence
Christian Murri	Excellence
Marissa Owens	Excellence
Amelia Bailey	Excellence
Molly Larsen	Merit
Heather Hintze	Merit
Lucy Mecham	Honorable Mention
Eleanor Meyers	Honorable Mention
3D Visual Art	
Landen Schurter	Excellence
Heather Hintze	Excellence
Kaden Schurter	Excellence
Nathan Weber	Excellence
Molly Larsen	Excellence
Dylen Schurter	Merit

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Strengthen Your Relationships
FREE WORKSHOP
for parents of kids aged 9-14

MONDAYS 6PM-8PM
LINDON COMMUNITY CENTER
25 N Main St Lindon




Sign up now!

GUIDING GOOD CHOICES


Guiding Good Choices gives families information and tools that work to protect preteens and teens from the inevitable risks they encounter as they become more independent. Families will learn ways to build or **maintain lasting relationships**, because teenagers who are more closely connected to their families have **better health and educational outcomes**.

Practicing Your Growth Mindset Class

Thursdays 5-6pm
*Sign up for each monthly session
Taught by a Master in Therapeutic Recreation MTRS



Adolescence can be a time of self-discovery and rapid growth, physically and mentally. This class will be an opportunity for **adolescents aged 12-17 to practice growth mindset through recreational therapy (RT)**. Growth mindset is a term used in positive psychology which reframes that challenges are opportunities for growth. This class will provide therapeutic activities with peers in **self-expression, healthy thinking, gratitude, learning from failure, resilience, and adaptability**.

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FREE LUNCH & GIVEAWAYS

FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 9TH
KIM WILSON, NTP

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 13TH
JILLIAN SEDERBERG, CTRS

12:15PM
MEDIA CENTER



ANXIETY & OUR BODIES

EVERYDAY STRONG



Please RSVP using the QR code for food count

JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATIVE SESSION WHERE YOU WILL DISCOVER HOW THE FOODS YOU EAT CAN IMPACT GUT HEALTH, BLOOD SUGAR, AND MENTAL WELL-BEING FOR BOTH KIDS AND ADULTS. YOU WILL WALK AWAY WITH PRACTICAL TIPS TO SUPPORT YOUR FAMILY'S HEALTH FROM THE INSIDE OUT!

LEARN HOW TO HELP YOUR TEEN TALK TO YOU WITHOUT CAUSING THEM TO SHUT DOWN. HEAR SIMPLE IDEAS TO SUPPORT MOTIVATION AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH.



REMINDERS:

UNDERWATER ROBOTICS OPPORTUNITY

OCJH will be participating this year in the Utah Underwater Robotics (UUR) competition. We will be meeting on Tuesdays after school for 30-40 min starting with a kickoff information meeting on 11/19. This competition involves Science, Engineering, and is a whole lot of fun. If you have ever been interested in building robots and didn't know where to start this is the perfect opportunity for beginners to more experienced students! We hope to see you after school on Tuesday 11/19 in Mr. Escobedo's room.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

If you like reading and friendly competition, sign up in the library for Oak Canyon's Battle of the Books! Join solo, with a friend, or a whole team to win prizes, discover great books, and make new friends in a low-stress setting. Optional meetings are during lunch on the first Wednesday of each month in the library. School tournament in March. Don't miss out on the fun and bragging rights!

BARK FOR SCHOOLS--PLEASE READ

Digital safety is critically important to us at Oak Canyon which is why we are now using Bark for Schools to help us protect our students both online and in real life.

Bark monitors for signs of potential issues like:

- Cyberbullying

- Suicidal ideation
- Sexual predators
- Threats of violence
- And more

Alerts at the first signs of danger:

When possible dangers arise on school-issued accounts, Bark for Schools sends us alerts so we can address the situation in a timely manner. These alerts also give us insights that help us promote the wellness of the entire student body.

Sign up to get alerts with Parent Portal:

Kids use their school-issued accounts both at school and at home, and families are often in a better position to respond to urgent alerts after hours, on weekends, and during breaks. In the coming week, you will receive an invitation to create your free account for the Bark for Schools Parent Portal. As soon as you opt-in, you'll be able to receive alerts if Bark detects potentially time-sensitive issues. Some alerts may be triggered by the system, but you will find there is no legitimate concern. Just because an alert is triggered does not mean a student has done anything wrong. Bark is an early warning system to allow you and the school to determine if there are legitimate concerns.

Check out these parenting resources

- [Visit](#) the Bark Blog to stay informed on all things kids and tech.
- [Download](#) this guide for helpful tips on talking to your child about common issues.
- [Join](#) the Parenting in a Tech World Facebook group and connect with other parents raising kids in the digital age.

Learn more about [Bark for Schools](#) — including their commitment to [student privacy](#). If you have additional questions, please contact us by replying to this email. Thank you for your support as we strive to help keep our students safe online.